

Remarks

Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 112

Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically the Examiner maintains that the substituent R₃ has been defined in claim 2 however; the substituent has not been depicted on the structural formula (II). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection and request withdrawal of the same.

Applicants have amended claim 2 so that R₃ is depicted in the formula (II) and the amendment renders the rejection moot.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC §102

Claims 2, 11, and 14 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Barret et al. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection and request withdrawal of the same.


Applicants have amended claims 1 and 2 and the amendment renders the rejection moot.

ACTION REQUESTED

For the forgoing reasons, Applicants submit that claims 1-10 and 12-14 are in condition for allowance. Entry of the proposed amendment and allowance of the application is respectfully requested. To that end, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to schedule an Examiner Interview to discuss any matter.

Respectfully submitted,
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